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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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ReBucab 4/30/64.

Mexico City Office file on CHARLES SMALL (Bufile 100-12632) reflects that he has the status of "inmigrado" (permanent immigrant) in Mexico and that he departed Mexico City for New York on 9/14/63, returning approximately 9/29/63. Through informant MEX-467 arrangements have been made to review SMALL's file at Gobernacion to confirm his immigration status and determine whether or not that file contains any record of his September travel.

SOURCE

On 5/4/64, Miss ANNE GOODPASTURE, CIA, Mexico City, advised that Mexico City airline records reflect that CHARLES SMOLIKOFF and son, DENNIS, departed from Mexico City for New York City on Eastern Airline Flight #300, 9/14/63. He returned to Mexico City from New York City on Eastern Airline Flight #301, 9/29/63, accompanied by his wife, BERTHE SMOLIKOFF (Bufile 100-421747), and son, DENNIS. BERTHE

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SMOLIKOFF had preceded her husband in traveling to New York, going by Eastern Airlines Flight #300 on 9/9/63, accompanied by son, ABBOTT (Bufile 100-441277). Checks of airline travel relating to SMALL for the period from 9/29-10/3/64 are not being made since information received from CIA, Mexico, "not to be disseminated outside the Bureau," as recorded in the report of SA NATHAN L. FERRIS dated 11/29/63, entitled "CHARLES N. SMOLIKOFF, aka, SM - C," indicated that SMOLIKOFF remained in Mexico City following his arrival on 9/29/63 and claimed to be ill.

In regard to Bureau request for opinion of this office concerning the best manner for interviewing SMALL in case the Commission requests his interview, the following is submitted:

It is suggested that such an interview should not be requested from the Mexican authorities because of the difficulties previously cited of exercising control of Mexican officials.

If such interview proves necessary, it should be handled by an American official, preferably some official of the Embassy who is operational abroad and would be able to testify or give a deposition if needed, as is customarily done when official interviews are required abroad in Bureau cases. It is believed that this could be best arranged by request by the Bureau to the State Department in the customary manner. The Department of State would then issue instructions to the Embassy, which would select the proper official to handle the interview, and this office could cooperate closely with him.

It is suggested also that an Agent of this office sit in with the Embassy official during the interview to insure that the Bureau's interests are protected and pertinent points covered. It is believed that SMOLIKOFF, as an American citizen, would respond to a request from the Embassy to appear at the Embassy for an interview.

For the protection of MEX-18 and MEX-19, it is suggested that the predication for the interview be that several American Communists who have visited Mexico, when returning to the United States, have stated that SMOLIKOFF had been of assistance to them in many ways and that the January, 1964, National Guardian-tour was entertained by him;

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consequently, it was desired to determine whether or not OSWALD had contacted him or visited his store. In the event SMOLIKOFF claims that he was not in Mexico City when OSWALD was in this area, it is felt that the interviewer could point out to him that the airline records show that he left for New York on 9/14/63 and returned on American Airlines 9/29/64 and that the airline manifests do not show any other travel by him in the period prior to 10/3/63. It is felt this approach would direct attention away from effective informants of this office.

With respect to the type of assistance given by SMOLIKOFF to visiting American Communists, this matter again was discussed with MEX-18 and MEX-19 on 5/5/64. [S] [u] The informants advised that, according to ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA (Bufile 100-395934), SMOLIKOFF assists visitors who contact his store in finding hotel accommodations, suggesting places of tourist interest to visit, and advising them where they can purchase items in which they are interested. SMALL helps them make appointments with other American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) associates they desire to meet whose addresses they do not have, cashes checks for them and performs similar services.

According to MORA, SMOLIKOFF assists visiting Communists as described above if he is impressed by them; if he does not like them, he merely gives them one of his business cards, tells them to call him if he can help them, and dismisses them.

The above description of the assistance rendered by SMOLIKOFF coincides with the information previously received from CIA, Mexico, classified "SECRET and not to be disseminated outside of the Bureau."

Inasmuch as the type of assistance given visiting Communists by SMOLIKOFF may become an issue during any official interview with him by American Embassy personnel, MEX-18 and MEX-19 have been instructed to cease further efforts to obtain [S] [u] more specific information in this regard in order not to jeopardize their status.

With respect to Bureau instructions that a letter-head memorandum be submitted recording the number of informants contacted who could not furnish information that OSWALD had

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visited SMALL's business establishment, it is pointed out that the survey of informants concerning OSWALD was completed and reported by airtel dated 4/30/64. Other than ~~MEX-18~~ and ~~MEX-19~~ the informants who would be in position to have some knowledge with respect to SMALL, his activities and contacts, are ~~MEX-48~~ and ~~MEX-61~~ who have been away from Mexico and unavailable for contact. As soon as they can be consulted, the letterhead memorandum requested by the Bureau will be submitted.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY
BUFILE 105-82555.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R.

AMBASSADOR MANN LATE THIS AFTERNOON EXHIBITED TO ME CABLE, CLAS-
SIFIED SECRET, NUMBER 415 DATED NOVEMBER 28 LAST SENT TO HIM BY
ALEXIS JOHNSON.

IN THIS CABLE JOHNSON ADVISED THAT STATE AND FBI CONCUR WITH AM-
BASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT FBI HAD SENT ITS REPRESENTATIVE
HERE GUIDANCE ALONG THESE LINES.

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN AMBASSADOR'S MIND NOR IN OURS AS TO ROLE WE
ARE TO PLAY IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION HERE AND JOHNSON'S
CABLE MENTIONED ONLY FOR INFO OF BUREAU IN ORDER THAT IT MAY HAVE
SOME IDEA OF WAY JOHNSON IS HANDLING MATTER THERE.

(LUIS ECHEVERRIA) ACTING MINISTER OF GOBERNACION, THIS AFTERNOON
ADVISED CIA REPRESENTATIVE THAT INTERROGATION OF (GILBERTO ALVARADO)
(UGARTE) IS CONTINUING AND (ECHEVERRIA) FEELS THAT EITHER (ALVARADO) IS
TELLING TRUTH OR IS BEST LIAR HE HAS EVER SEEN. (ECHEVERRIA) INDICAT-
ED TO CIA REPRESENTATIVE THAT IN GENERAL STORY TOLD BY (ALVARADO) IS
SAME AS THAT GIVEN TO CIA. (ALVARADO) CONTINUES TO STICK TO DATE OF
SEPTEMBER 18 AS ONE WHEN HE SAW MONEY PASSED. (ECHEVERRIA) RECOGNIZES
THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY FOR OSWALD TO HAVE
BEEN IN MEXICO CITY ON THIS DATE BUT BELIEVES (ALVARADO) MAY SIMPLY
BE CONFUSED CONCERNING EXACT DATE.

(S) [CAPTAIN WHEELOCK] OF NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ARRIVED

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R.

REMYCAB NOVEMBER 28 LAST.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION CIA HERE
MADE ^{SOURCE} [GILBERTO ALVARADO UGARTE] AVAILABLE TO MEXICAN MINISTRY
OF GOBERNACION (INTERIOR) YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. ^{SOURCE} [ALVARADO]
PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY OF MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND BEING
INTERROGATED. HE APPARENTLY HAS STUCK TO HIS STORY UP UNTIL
NOW BUT INTERROGATION CONTINUING.

CIA ADVISES THAT [LUIS ECHEVERRIA] ^{SOURCES} ACTING MINISTER OF
GOBERNACION, COMMENTED THAT HE FOUND [ALVARADO'S] STORY
"FASCINATING."

SILVIA DURAN RELEASED BY MEXICANS 6 PM YESTERDAY BUT
REPORTEDLY CONTINUES TO BE UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE AND SUBJECT
TO BEING ^{RE} ARRESTED. RESULTS OF HER INTERROGATION NOT YET
RECEIVED BUT UNDERSTOOD SHE GAVE NO NEW INFORMATION.

PRESS HERE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD
REJECTED CUBAN DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH PROTESTED ARREST OF DURAN
BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON NOVEMBER 23 LAST. REJECTION STATED
TO BE BASED ON NATURE OF LANGUAGE USED BY CUBANS IN THEIR NOTE.

CIA [STATION CHIEF] ADVISED TODAY THAT [CAPTAIN FRANKLYN A.] (S)

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MESSAGE 2, FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, NO. 191

WHEELLOCK GARCIA OF NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IS ARRIVING MEXICO CITY TODAY TO BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MEXICANS IN INTERROGATION OF ^{SOURCE} ALVARADO IF SUCH ASSISTANCE DESIRED.

THIS MORNING AMBASSADOR MANN EXPRESSED TO US HIS GREAT PLEASURE ON AUTHORIZATION GIVEN FOR CIA TO MAKE ^{SOURCE} ALVARADO AVAILABLE TO MEXICANS. HE STATED HE FELT THIS WAS ONLY WAY TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF VERACITY OF ^{SOURCE'S} ALVARADO'S STORY.

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ^{SOURCE'S} ALVARADO'S INTERROGATION BY MEXICANS IS CONTINUING IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUBMISSION OF DETAILED MEMO COVERING INVESTIGATION TO DATE IN MEXICO SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL FINAL RESULTS OF INTERROGATION, ^{SOURCE'S} OF ALVARADO, AVAILABLE. UACB THIS WILL BE DONE.

CLARK D. ANDERSON
JWF

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : *all* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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Immediately following the assassination of President KENNEDY on 11/22/63, all sources of this office were instructed to be alert for any information which would tend to indicate a connection between OSWALD and the Cubans or the Communist Party. The following is a summary of information furnished by MEX-18 and MEX-19 both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, since that time.

On 12/6/63 sources reported that ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA, aka BETTY MORA, Bufile 100-395934, had been very upset and excited over the involvement of OSWALD as the reported assassin of the President. She indicated that the Communist Party of Mexico was very interested in obtaining all the information available concerning OSWALD's travel to Mexico and particularly as to how much the American authorities know.

MORA told informants that the only way OSWALD could be linked "to Mexico" was through his activities before his trip to the Soviet Union. She was very interested in obtaining information concerning the date OSWALD departed for Russia. MORA considered it "terribly important" to have any press references to OSWALD's activities in New Orleans before he went to Russia. She stated that if something regarding his activities at that time appeared in the press it could "blow the lid and we could all get fried." MORA indicated to informants that she could not understand why the investigation of OSWALD, as reported up to that time in the press, had not focused on New Orleans instead of on Dallas.

MORA told the sources that OSWALD was well-known in Russia among the Americans who were there at the same time and he was "not that much of a nut" (as to singlehandedly

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